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On January 8, 1967, at 10:40 p.m., Security Patrol Clerk WILLIAM RAYMOND JUDD received a telephone call at the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI from a male who identified himself as ROBERT C. BEECH, 1431 Oak Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Pa., telephone (unlisted) 884-0974. BEECH advised he telephonically contacted the "Pittsburgh Press" and the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," January 8, 1967, to determine if they would be interested in his knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD while assigned with the United States Marine Corps in Japan during 1957, or early 1958. BEECH stated that the interest exhibited by the two papers gave him doubt as to the propriety of such a disclosure. He was instructed to call the City Editor of each paper on January 9, 1967. BEECH declined to furnish his name, address, etc., to either paper. He stated that he was motivated in making the above calls in that he is short of money (specifically, a month behind on his car payment).

Further discourse with BEECH determined that he is not at all certain that the individual he has in mind was in fact OSWALD. He does recall of an individual who was in his radar group (interceptor unit) and assigned to his barracks. This individual had illegal possession of a .22 caliber pistol with which he sustained a self-inflicted wound. BEECH stated that as a result of this incident this individual was removed from his group and he did not see or hear of him thereafter. He stated the name OSWALD and the photographs of him bring this individual to mind. BEECH could not recall the spelling of the name of the base to which he was assigned in Japan.

On January 9, 1967, Special Agents EDWARD L. STEWART and WILLIAM J. QUINN located and interviewed BEECH at his place of employment, Career Personnel Service of Pittsburgh, Jenkins Arcade Building, Fifth and Liberty, downtown Pittsburgh.

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Having been advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, BEECH voluntarily furnished the following information:

During his period of active service with the United States Marine Corps, he was stationed in Japan with a fellow Marine, who may have been identical to the subject. He could not be at all sure of the dates involved, but thinks it may have been in late 1957, or early 1958, when he came in contact with this individual. BEECH said he was a radar technician attached to the United States Marine Corps Air Control Squadron One, with headquarters at a naval air station located near Atsuigi (phonetic), Japan. This other Marine, known to BEECH only as (first name unknown) OSWALD, was a radar operator with the same unit. BEECH pointed out he was not friendly with this OSWALD person, knew him only casually, even though they did live in the same barracks room. At this time BEECH was a corporal, and he believes OSWALD was either a corporal or a PFC. He knows nothing concerning this person OSWALD's background, prior to their meeting in Japan. In fact, the only incident concerning this person which sticks in his mind is the following:

One night while they were in the barracks along with several other Marines, OSWALD was sitting on his bed, cleaning a pistol, when it discharged. BEECH and several other Marines, hearing the sound of the weapon, hurried over to OSWALD's bunk, and noted an obvious gunshot wound in his left inner forearm. He stated the most peculiar thing about the incident to him was OSWALD's reaction. The latter, sitting there with this obvious wound, said very matter of factly, "I believe I shot myself." BEECH further recalled that the weapon was not a Marine Corps issue and he believes it was a .22 caliber pistol. That night OSWALD was taken from the barracks for treatment and never returned to reside there again. He understood that OSWALD received some sort of disciplinary action for possession of a privately owned weapon and he thinks he

recalls having observed this person named OSWALD in the mess hall a short time after the above incident with a Marine Corps Prison Chaser, leading him to believe that OSWALD was given some brig time.

BEECH could furnish absolutely no other information concerning this Marine named OSWALD. He recalled that at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY and the period shortly thereafter when photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared, that these photographs brought to mind the person with whom he was stationed in Japan, although he could not say for sure that the Marine he knew as (first name unknown) OSWALD was identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said his reason for not coming forth with the above information at any time since November 22, 1963, was because thinking about the Marine with whom he was stationed and the possibility that he was identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, he experienced "very base emotional response and felt he would like to kill him if he met him."

BEECH said he is positive he never read anywhere or heard from any source that LEE HARVEY OSWALD ever suffered a self-inflicted wound while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

He explained to the interviewing Agents that he and his wife are currently undergoing a rough period financially and have fallen behind on their car payments. Therefore, they felt that by contacting the local newspapers anonymously they might be able to sell the above information regarding the Marine he knew as OSWALD. However, after getting an interested response from two newspapers contacted, they felt they should seek the advice of the FBI, before going any further.

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BEECH voluntarily furnished the following information concerning himself:

Full Name:	ROBERT C. BEECH
Date of Birth:	January 8, 1937
United States Marine Corps Serial #:	152 05 10
On Active Duty:	June, 1955, to April, 1959

Prior to his transfer to Atsuigi (phonetic), Japan, in later 1957, or early 1958, he was at the following duty stations, exact dates not recalled:

Commencing June, 1955, Basic Training, Parris Island, S.C.

I.T.R. School (two months), Camp LeJune, N.C.

42 months of radar schooling as follows:

Three months basic electronics, Great Lakes, Ill.

30 weeks advanced radar school, San Diego, Calif.

Assigned to El Torro, USMCAS, Santa Anna, Calif.

30 days furlough proceeded his transfer to Japan, where he remained for the next 14 months.